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1. On 7 January 1952, the Beseler Kaserne on Teuchelerweg in Wittenberg (N 52/E 37) was occupied to capacity by about 1,100 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. About 90 percent of the troop quarters were illuminated during the evening hours. Four groups, each numbering 1 officer and 45 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, were seen marching from the installation toward the training field on 7 January. Some of the troops carried practice targets. About 200 soldiers were seen drilling with six 57-mm AT guns in the barracks yard. About seven garages sheltered tanks; two of them contained a total of 25 tanks.
2. In early January 1952, the Taunentzien Kaserne on Berlinerstrasse quartered a tank unit and an armored reconnaissance unit. About 65 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets practiced with three armored reconnaissance cars in the barracks yard, while another 200 men received theoretical instruction from several officers. *

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Comment. The report agrees with previous information.

The number of troops specified in the present report as being quartered in the Beseler Kaserne is too small to constitute the personnel of the two tank regiments carried there. The information regarding the tanks in the billeting area is not specific enough to determine the total number of tanks. The armored reconnaissance cars in the Taunentzien Kaserne are possibly assigned to the Hq 6th Gds Tank Div. No reports received to date have contained any indications as to the whereabouts of the 3d Gds Mtrcl Bn.

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